

Public Safety Committee Meeting

March 2, 2022

Attendees Present:

Mayor Boudreau

Council Members: Beaton, Brocksmith, Carias, Hudson, Morales

Staff Members: Fire-Bryan Brice, Bryan Harris; Police- Chris Cammock; Finance-Doug Volesky

- **Called to Order:** 6:02 PM
- **Minutes Approval:** Motion to approve February minutes; Beaton, 2nd Carias
 - Motion Approved
- **Fire**
 - Apparatus update
 - Sale of two older ambulances from fire apparatus inventory
 - 1993 Ford \$17,500
 - 2006 International \$44,000
 - Funds for the sale of the vehicles will go into the City general fund
 - Amended EMS service contract
 - The contract has been amended to add video laryngoscopes to be purchased by Skagit County EMS
 - Amended contract will be presented to council at an upcoming meeting for recommended adoption and approval
 - Fire Station Remodel Update
 - Staff is in the process of drafting an agreement with KBA for construction management
 - KBA was determined to be the best responsive firm
 - Contract agreement will be brought to council next week, the estimated cost is \$600,000 for both stations
- **Police**
 - 2021 Highlights
 - Time of day service calls review
 - 23,046 calls for service, 6% increase over previous year
 - City census population approximately 35,500
 - Population vs. calls up Population increase 11% calls increase 8%
 - Review of new employees
 - Review of testing and process for hiring
 - Front lobby remodel
 - Two promotions; 1 Lieutenant and 1 Sergeant

- Implementation of bar-coding evidence
 - Outreach services planning group
 - Addressing decay, disorder, and crime at Edgewater Park
 - Best Western on West College Way
 - Police reform and impacts of legislation
 - Body worn cameras
- Looking Ahead 2022
 - Calls for service currently up 17.5%
 - Integrated Outreach Services LEAD
 - Moving into implementation
 - New hires: Lateral Officer and Sergeant
 - Command Vehicle, still working on joint effort with fire
 - Interviewing candidates for drug task force
 - Special Operations Sergeant filled
 - Facility renewal projects
 - MVPD station parking lot area
 - Recruiting and hiring for vacant positions
 - Five officers
 - Four social workers
- On the Horizon
 - Changing public policy around policing
 - Changing offender attributes
 - Aging K-9 and replacement
 - Downtown redevelopment
 - Technology task force
 - Crime analysis
- Old Business
 - Continued discussion on Bills 1406 and 1509
- Meeting Adjourned: 8:28 PM